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1. The designated Office is hereby notified of its election made:

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference P23064A/SCR	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB 00/ 03424	International filing date (day/month/year) 07/09/2000	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 07/09/1999
Applicant GILTECH LIMITED		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 4 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing :

☐ contained in the international application in written form.

☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

☐ the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

☐ the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished

2. ☒ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No.

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.

☒ None of the figures.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12N5/00 A61L27/38 //C03B37/00,C03C3/16

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

MEDLINE, BIOSIS, EPO-Internal, PAJ, CHEM ABS Data, WPI Data

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	BURNIE J ET AL: "CONTROLLED RELEASE GLASSES (C.R.G.) FOR BIOMEDICAL USES" BIOMATERIALS,GB,ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS BV., BARKING, vol. 2, 1 October 1981 (1981-10-01), pages 244-246, XP000650239 ISSN: 0142-9612	1-7, 12-18
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O document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means

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			US	5648301 A	15-07-1997
			US	5676720 A	14-10-1997
			CA	2142282 A	03-03-1994
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(54) Title: CELL GROWTH SUBSTRATE

(57) Abstract: A cell culture growth substrate comprising a water soluble glass matrix adapted to sustain growth of living cells. Preferably the substrate comprises or is coated with living cells. The water-soluble glass is advantageously phosphate based and comprises glass fibres or finely comminuted particles. The invention also relates to the use of the growth substrate as an implant to replace or promote repair of damaged tissue in a patient and to a method to encourage growth of living tissue.

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)


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Applicant GILTECH LIMITED		

1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.
 - ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☒ Certain observations on the international application

Date of submission of the demand 05/04/2001	Date of completion of this report 04.12.2001
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**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY
EXAMINATION REPORT**

International application No. PCT/GB00/03424

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application (*Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17)*):

Description, pages:

1-41 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-19 as originally filed

Drawings, sheets:

1/23-23/23 as originally filed

2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language: , which is:

- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of the international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).
- ☐ the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).
- ☐ the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

- ☐ contained in the international application in written form.
- ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.
- ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.
- ☐ The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.
- ☐ The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
- ☐ the claims, Nos.:

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/GB00/03424

☐ the drawings, sheets:

5. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

(Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.)

6. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims
	No: Claims 1-19
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims
	No: Claims 1-19
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims 1-17
	No: Claims 18, 19: no opinion

2. Citations and explanations
see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:
see separate sheet

VIII. Certain observations on the international application

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:
see separate sheet

1. Cited documents

The following documents (D) are referred to in this communication; the numbering is the same as in the search report and will be adhered to in the rest of the procedure:

- D1: BURNIE J ET AL: 'CONTROLLED RELEASE GLASSES (C.R.G.) FOR BIOMEDICAL USES' BIOMATERIALS, GB, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS BV., BARKING, vol. 2, 1 October 1981 (1981-10-01), p.244-46 ISSN: 0142-9612
- D2: WO 98 54104 A (HEALY DAVID MICHAEL; GILTECH LTD (GB); GILCHRIST THOMAS (GB)) 3 December 1998 (1998-12-03) cited in the application
- D4: SALIH, V. ET AL: 'The response of human osteoblast cell lines to phosphate-based soluble glasses' BIOCERAM., PROC. INT. SYMP. CERAM. MED. 11, p.269-72, 1998
- D5: UO MOTOHIRO ET AL: 'Properties and cytotoxicity of water soluble Na_2O - CaO - P_2O_5 glasses.' BIOMATERIALS, vol.19, no.24, Dec 1998, p.2277-84 ISSN:0142-9612

2. Re Item V

Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

- 2.1. The claims are directed to a cell culture growth substrate comprising a soluble glass matrix adapted to sustain growth of living cells and to the use of said substrate for promoting cell growth.

A number of documents disclose controlled release glasses (CRG) for biomedical uses.

In D1 different CRG containing phosphorous pentoxide (P_2O_5) and oxide forms of calcium and sodium are tested in monolayer cell culture and shown not to affect cell growth (p.245, 1st paragraph). Implants of CRG rods in sheep are also well accepted by the host and provoke only a very mild non-specific inflammation reaction (p.245, 2nd paragraph).

Hence, the water soluble glass matrix and the methods of use described in D1 contain all the technical features of claims 1-7 and 12-18. Thus, D1 is novelty destroying to the subject-matter of said claims (Art. 33(1) and (2) PCT).

D2 describes different water soluble glass fibres containing phosphorous pentoxide as the glass former, alkali metals, lanthanoid oxides or carbonates as glass modifiers and boron as glass additive and having a dissolution rate of 0.01-2 mg/cm²/h at 38°C (p.7, l.36-p.9, l.22). Several examples of such glass fibres are given (see examples 1-15). The fibres of examples 11 are suitable for biodegradable applications, those of example 15 are further specified to be suitable for orthopaedic implants and tissue engineering applications (p.17, l.16-21). Said glass is also shown to allow a controlled release of metal ions such as silver ions (p.9, l.8-22).

Consequently, the fibres disclosed in D2 are suitable for use in cell culture. Therefore, the teaching of D2 is prejudicial to the novelty of the subject-matter of claims 1 and 4-13 and 19 (Art. 33(2) PCT).

2.2. Following relevant documents will only be discussed briefly:

In D4 phosphate-based soluble glasses are tested and shown to be not cytotoxic for human osteoblasts.

D5 also analyses the cytotoxicity of different water soluble Na₂O-CaO-P₂O₅ glasses depending on their P₂O₅ and CaO content.

2.3. Claims 18 and 19 relate to subject-matter considered by this Authority to be covered by the provisions of Rule 67.1(iv) PCT. Consequently, no opinion will be formulated with respect to the industrial applicability of the subject-matter of these claims (Article 34(4)(a)(i) PCT).

2.4. The subject-matter of claims 1-17 is industrially applicable in the field of pharmaceutical industry (Art. 33(4) PCT).

3. Re Item VII

Certain defects in the international application

3.1. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.

4. Reason VIII

Certain observations on the international application

- 4.1. Claim 1 does not meet the requirements of Article 6 PCT in that the matter for which protection is sought is not clearly defined. The claim attempts to define the subject-matter in terms of the result to be achieved, i.e. to sustain growth of living cells, which merely amounts to a statement of the underlying problem. Indeed, substrates comprising a water soluble glass matrix are state of the art. The technical features necessary for said substrates to achieve this result thus should be added. Moreover, it would appear that it is an inherent feature of any cell culture growth substrate to sustain cell growth.